



## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING July 10, 2013 Minutes**

### **Members Present:**

Howard Pizzo, Dennis Fedewa and Karen Mojica

### **Staff Members Present:**

Richard Watkins and Mark Graham

#### **1. Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

#### **2. Public Comment:**

N/A

#### **3. Set/Adjust Agenda:**

Dennis Fedewa moved to set the agenda as presented. Karen Mojica supported. All agreed. Motion carried.

#### **4. Complete Streets Ordinance:**

Mark Graham shared copies of pages from the comprehensive plan, the fact that complete streets be mentioned in the Township's ordinance is now required by law, mentioned the legislation amendments to the planning enabling act, noted the benefits of complete streets, and concluded with action steps for Township officials. Mark also provided background information and made the following possible suggestions:

1. Pass policy saying we support the concept.
2. Pass complete street ordinance.

A discussion followed with regard to policy versus ordinance for the Township, plans for taking action, communication with Eaton County Road Commission.

Richard Watkins indicated that he would send a letter to the Eaton County Road Commission asking for their input regarding a complete streets ordinance.

Mark Graham indicated he would pull other local community ordinances to see what the differences are, come up with the pros and cons, and bring this information to the next committee meeting for further discussion. All agreed with this plan of action.

#### **5. EATRAN Update:**

Howard Pizzo reported that CATA attended the EATRAN Board meeting, held earlier today, suggesting an agreement between CATA and EATRAN to provide expanded level service in Delta Township and county wide, using CATA's business model. Howard then provided an

overview of the business model to the committee members, which is currently used in Mason, Delhi and Williamston, and how it would work in the Township. A discussion ensued, which included:

- SPECTRAN
- Cherry Picking
- EATRAN's and CATA's service/level of service
- Marketplace as a hub
- Sustainability
- Grant funds/money matching
- Elimination of call center/dispatching/bundling calls
- Three year commitment/time to see if service works in the area
- Millage increase timeline
- 3-4 months before plan acceptance
- Sharing services/cost effectiveness
- Voter approval
- Failing with EATRAN would require a need to get better service in the area
- EATRAN millage renewal

**6. New Business:**

Richard Watkins reported that we are moving ahead on the flashers for the trail crossings. Delivery of the flashers is about four weeks out.

Dennis Fedewa stated they have closed St. Joe Highway at Broadbent as of Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Graham reported that the Library trail construction should begin on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mark Graham asked about the street resurfacing list. Richard Watkins stated the County has the list, and is currently working on pricing for the Township.

Richard Watkins reported that all of the right-of-ways have been obtained for the Safe Streets, and the Road Commission is moving ahead with the project.

Dennis Fedewa moved that the June 11, 2013 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes be approved. Karen Mojica supported. All agreed. Motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.